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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 5-8, 10-21, 23, 55, and 56 are pending in the application.

Claims 28-54 have been withdrawn.

Claims 1-6, 8-9, 14-16, 22, 24-27, and 55-56 have been canceled without prejudice. In making this cancellation without prejudice, Applicants reserve all rights in these claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 7, 10-13, 17-21, and 23 were allowed.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 5, 6, 55, and 56 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by Tamamure, et al.

As claims 5, 6, 55, and 56 have been cancelled without prejudice, these rejections are now moot.

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35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 8 and 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Tamamura et al.

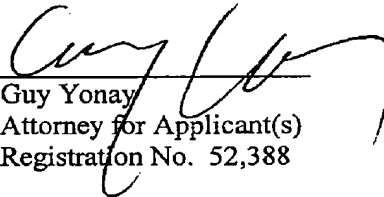
As claims 8 and 14-16 have been cancelled without prejudice, these rejections are now moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

Please charge any fees associated with this paper to deposit account No. 05-0649.

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